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SUBJECT: ECUADORIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO ARGENTINA  
APRIL 3-8

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1. FONMIN JORGE SALVADOR ARRIVED IN BUENOS AIRES APRIL 3 AND  
ENTERED UPON PROGRAM OF CONSULTATIONS WITH GOA OFFICIALS, MEDAL-  
PINNING, ETC. HE WAS RECEIVED SEPARATELY BY PRESIDENT VIDELA  
AND BY THE CINCS OF THE NAVY AND AIR FORCE, WHO FORM THE  
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MILITARY JUNTA. ARGENTINE PRESS SHOWED ONLY MODERATE INTEREST  
IN VISIT, AND IT PASSED LARGELY UNNOTICED EXCEPT FOR COVERAGE  
OF JOINT DECLARATION ISSUED APRIL 5.

2. AFTER ASSURANCES OF MUTUAL FRIENDSHIP, NON-INTERVENTION AND  
PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES, JOINT DECLARATION MOVED  
IMMEDIATELY TO SORE POINT MOST IN MINDS OF GOA AT THIS MOMENT,

AND PRESUMABLY OF CONCERN TO ECUADOR: "THE TWO COUNTRIES RE-AFFIRM THEIR UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR THE PRINCIPLE THAT NO COUNTRY CAN APPLY OR ENCOURAGE COERCIVE MEASURES OF AN ECONOMIC OR POLITICAL NATURE TO OVERRIDE THE SOVEREIGN WILL OF ANOTHER STATE TO OBTAIN ADVANTAGES OR TO COMPEL THE LATTER TO MAKE DECISIONS OF ANY SORT."

3. DECLARATION EMPHASIZED LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION, CALLED FOR PROMPT MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS TO REVITALIZE LAFTA, AND STATED SUPPORT FOR SELA. SALVADOR EXPRESSED STANDARD SUPPORT GIVEN BY EACH VISITING LATIN AMERICAN FONMIN FOR ARGENTINE POSITION ON FALKLAND (MALVINAS) ISLANDS. DECLARATION REJECTED VIOLENCE, TERRORISM AND INTERNATIONAL SUBVERSION.

4. AGREEMENTS WERE SIGNED COVERING COOPERATION FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION. NUCLEAR ENERGY AGREEMENT WAS BASED IN 1972 TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. ITS 11 ARTICLES COVER MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING ALL AREAS FOR PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY, EXCHANGES OF PERSONNEL, CONSULTATIONS, EXCHANGE OF MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT, AND COOPERATION IN EXPLORATION FOR AND DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL DEPOSITS. OTHER NATIONS IN REGION "MIGHT BE ABLE TO JOIN THE AGREEMENT IF THEY CAN CONTRIBUTE TO ACHIEVING ITS GOALS." SALVADOR ANNOUNCED THAT ECUADORIAN SPECIALISTS IN NUCLEAR MATTERS WOULD ARRIVE IN ARGENTINA APRIL 12 TO BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION OF NUCLEAR AGREEMENT.

5. ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR IMPLEMENTATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF JOINT PROJECTS IN WIDE RANGE OF COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, AGRICULTURAL AND EXTRACTIVE ENTERPRISES. IMPLEMENTATION WILL BE IN HANDS OF SPECIAL ARGENTINE-ECUADORIAN COMMISSION FOR ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COORDINATION WHICH WAS CREATED IN 1965. IT WAS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE NATIONAL AIRLINES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES WOULD BEGIN DIRECT FLIGHTS BETWEEN QUITO AND BUENOS AIRES.

5. IN COMMENTS TO PRESS, SALVADOR REPEATED OPPOSITION TO INTERNATIONAL USE OF PRESSURES OR SANCTIONS "TO OVERRIDE SOVEREIGN WILL OF ANOTHER STATE." IN RESPONSE TO DIRECT QUESTION ABOUT RELATIONS WITH US, SALVADOR SAID THAT "HIS COUNTRY VIEWED WITH SYMPATHY THE COMPLAINTS WHICH ARGENTINA HAD MADE TO THE UNITED STATES" (CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS). HE NOTED THAT ECUADOR IS GETTING READY TO TAKE DECISIVE STEP IN DEVELOPMENT OF ITS INSTITUTIONS WITH PREPARATION OF PLEBISCITE IN WHICH TWO DRAFT CONSTITUTIONS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO PEOPLE.

6. COMMENT. FONMIN SOURCE INVOLVED IN VISIT SAID PRIVATELY THAT GOA REGARDED ITAS "UNUSUALLY CORDIAL AND A SUCCESS FOR BOTH SIDES." MINISTRY IS OF COURSE PLEASED THAT IT OBTAINED STANDARD SUPPORT FOR ARGENTINA'S FALKLAND ISLANDS POSITION AND EXPRESSION OF SOLIDARITY AGAINST US HUMAN RIGHTS ATTACKS. IN GENERAL, VISIT AND JOINT DECLARATION SERVED GOA POLICY OF IMPROVING REGIONAL TIES; SOURCE PRESUMED ECUADOR FELT EQUALLY PLEASED. HE WAS NOT IN POSITION TO KNOW WHETHER SALVADOR RAISED ECUADORIAN CONCERNS ABOUT PERU IN CONVERSATIONS WITH FONMIN GUZZETTI OR WITH PRESIDENT VIDELA, BUT IF HE DID, SOURCE WAS CERTAIN THAT ARGENTINE LEADERS WOULD HAVE AVOIDED COMMITMENTS. HE POINTED OUT THAT COMMON SENSE DICTATES THAT GOA AVOID TAKING SIDES IN DISPUTE, AS IT IS, LIKE US, A GURANTOR OF 1942 RIO TREATY ON THE PERUVIAN-ECUADORIAN QUESTION. HILL

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